

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
CALIFORNIA ORGANIC PRODUCTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COPAC)
Teleconference Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2005
Sacramento, CA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

James Rickert
Larry Hirahara
Rick Melnicoe
Karen Klonsky, Voting Alternate

CDFA REPRESENTATIVES

Rick Jensen
Ray Green
Dave Carlson
Susan Shelton

INTERESTED PARTIES

Lauree Bradley

INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Ray Green called roll and a quorum was established.

ITEM 1: RECOMMENDATION THAT CDFA FOLLOW PAST COPAC APPOINTMENT PROCESS

At the October 25, 2005 meeting the creation of an Appointment Subcommittee was adopted. This subcommittee would review applicants and then bring their recommendations forward to the full committee. The full committee would then discuss the applicants and forward their recommendations to the Secretary for appointments to COPAC.

As committee terms have already expired, Ray Green asked that appointments be handled as in previous years. He suggested that the October 2006 and subsequent appointments then be handled via a subcommittee and committee review.

MOTION: Larry Hirahara moved that the October 2005 appointments be handled completely through CDFA and not be reviewed by the committee for recommendation. James Rickert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 2: RECOMMENDATION THAT SUBCOMMITTEE BE ESTABLISHED

Ray Green suggested a subcommittee be established to review the COPAC Policies and Procedures in order to establish a new procedure for nominating and appointing new committee members.

It was decided that this issue would be placed on the agenda for the February 15, 2006 meeting.

ITEM 3: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ray Green, Supervisor
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